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SUBJECT: U.S. RIGHTS FOR GULFAIR?

1. MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT AND
INDUSTRY SHIRAWI, WHO
IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CIVIL MATTERS AND IS MEMBER OF GULFAIR
BOARD, ASKED ME MAY 27 TO GET "INFORMAL OPINION" ON WHETHER
GULFAIR WOULD BE GRANTED RIGHTS TO U.S. IF IT SO APPLIED.
SHIRAWI SAID HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD USG POLICY OF NOT WISHING
TO GRANT RIGHTS TO EVERY MIDDLE EAST AIRLINE AND, INSTEAD,
ENCOURAGING THESE AIRLINES TO GET TOGETHER AND OFFER JOINT
SERVICE TO U.S.

2. IN THIS CONTEXT, SHIRAWI SAID GULFAIR ALREADY IS A
JOINT VENTURE OF FOUR STATES (BAHRAIN, QATAR, UAE AND OMAN)
AND SHOULD BE TREATED AS A REGIONAL GROUP. FACT THAT THESE
FOUR STATES MADE WISE DECISION NOT TO CREATE FOUR SEPARATE
NATIONAL CARRIERS SHOULD GIVE THEM BENEFIT OF USG
POLICY DECISION THAT GULFAIR IS ITSELF A REGIONAL GROUP
OF KIND USG WISHES TO ENCOURAGE.

3. SHIRAWI CONTINUED THAT GULFAIR WOULD NOT WISH TO
EXERCISE RIGHTS TO U.S. AT THIS TIME, OR IN FORESEEABLE
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FUTURE, BUT WANTED A READING ON THE US POSITION DUE TO

ON-GOING TALKS WITH PANAM
ABOUT POSSIBLE COOPERATIVE
ROUTES. PLEASE ADVISE.
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